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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Guidelines for NASA Earth-Sensing Activity

1. I have reviewed the attached memorandum from the D/NRO and find no substantive problems with it.

2. There are two points which I suggest you consider before giving outright concurrence on the document.

a. The actions already taken have been between DOD and NASA. Since the NSAM 156 committee was charged with reviewing this matter on a government-wide basis, it would seem appropriate for this proposal to be referred to that committee for final action. I do not feel strongly about the necessity for this, but it is clearly a subject of interest to more than these two organizations.

b. The memorandum says that there would be no further limitation on the type of optical systems used by NASA as long as they were pointed upward for astronomical purposes and not used to photograph the earth. That still leaves open the question of making available in unclassified form detailed design data on optical systems which could be readily adapted for reconnaissance purposes.

3. If you agree that these two matters are worth discussion, I will be glad to pursue them with John McLucas.

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